

DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-39, March 14, 2000
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WORLD OF RADIO AND CONTINENT OF MEDIA
SHORTWAVE-ONLY SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 14, 2000

We have some additional times on RFPI, another time on WBCQ, and some changes on WWCR.

Days and times strictly UT. Note: all WWCR and WBCQ times shift one UT hour earlier from April 2 on same frequencies.

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Wed 1730 COM RFPI 25930-USB
Wed 2230 WOR WBCQ1 7415
Wed 2300 WOR RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975 [NEW March-May]
Thu 0700 WOR RFPI 6975 [NEW March-May]
Thu 0930 COM RFPI 6975
Thu 1500 WOR RFPI 25930-USB [NEW March-May]
Thu 2130 WOR WWCR 15685 [ex-9475 Dec-Feb]
Fri 1030 WOR WWCR 7435
Fri 1900 COM RFPI 25930-USB
Fri 1930 WOR RFPI 25930-USB
Fri 2130 WOR WBCQ2 9340-CUSB [NEW from March 10]
Sat 0300 COM RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Sat 0330 WOR RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Sat 0400 WOR WWCR 3215
Sat 1100 COM RFPI 6975
Sat 1130 WOR RFPI 6975
Sat 1230 WOR WWCR 15685
Sat 1730 COM RFPI 25930-USB
Sat 1800 WOR RFPI 25930-USB
Sun 0130 COM RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Sun 0200 WOR RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Sun 0330 WOR WWCR 5070
Sun 0730 WOR WWCR 5070
Sun 0930 COM RFPI 6975
Sun 1000 WOR RFPI 6975
Sun 2300 WOR RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Mon 0131 WOR WWCR 3215 [changing to 0100, by DST from April, 0000 UT]
Mon 0601 WOR WWCR 3210

Mon 0700 WOR RFPI 6975
Mon 1500 WOR RFPI 25930-USB
Tue 1200 WOR WWCR 15685
Tue 1900 WOR RFPI 25930-USB
Tue 2000 COM RFPI 25930-USB
Wed 0300 WOR RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Wed 0400 COM RFPI 25930-USB 15049 6975
Wed 1100 WOR RFPI 6975
Wed 1200 COM RFPI 25930-USB 6975

** AFGHANISTAN. 7073.21: I suspect this is Voice of Shari'ah with middle eastern sounding chants, and into talk at 1630. Unable to tell language on 11 March, but was much stronger the following day. Best heard using LSB. 7073.25 on the 12th, with what sounds like Russian at 1630 (Walt Salmani, Grayland WA, 11 and 12 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. A 24-hour strike of 600 journalists against ABC including R. Australia was scheduled to start at 1800 UT March 14 (RA via BBC Monitoring; The Age via John Figliozi, swprograms)

** AUSTRIA. Correxion to item in DXLD 00-38: Both Hans-Joachim Koch and I messed up the frequency computation. His original report says $13720 - 6145 = 7575$ (NOT 7570). But it should be $13730 - 6155 = 7575$. Sorry, Glenn

** BOLIVIA. Alo amigos, Recebi una carta da Radio Mallku e extraio parte que espero seja de interesse de todos, desculpa ser no idioma original, mas acredito sera de facil compressao.

RADIO EMISORA MALLKU, "La Voz de los Trabajadores Campesinos del Altiplano Sud" Radio Emisora Mallku tiene su resoluciÛn Administrativa de la Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones de La Paz, Bolivia. Esta situada en la ciudad de Uyuni, Provincia Antonio Quijarro, Departamento de Potosi y es de propiedad de la FederaciÛn Regional /'nica de Trabajadores Campesinos del Altiplano Sud (FRUTCAS).

Mi nombre es Erwin Freddy Mamani Machaca, responsable de la programaciÛn de Radio Mallku, trabajo ya dos aÛos y diez meses, tengo 21 aÛos, en el tiempo de mi trabajo es un placer recibir cartas de recepcioÛn de nuestra Radio. Nuestra emisora es una Radio Comunitaria y Sindical de los Trabajadores Campesinos de Todo el Sudoeste potosino que aglutina a cinco provincias "Antonio Quijarro, Nor Lipez, Daniel Campos, Enrique Baldivieso y Sud LipÈz", que las iniciales de cada una de las provincias se forman la palabra A.N.D.E.S., pero por existir otra Radio LOS ANDES en la ciudad de Tarija, hemos tenido que cambiar el nombre por Radio Emisora Mallku, que significa CONDOR y/o Presidente de las Autoridades Originacionarias que tambiÈn los dicen

"MALLKU".

Nuestra programaciÛn es la siguiente: MA-ANAS [hora local]

06:00 a 06:30 M'sica Nacional

06:30 a 07:30 Noticias, Entrevistas, M'sica(Quechua)

07:30 a 08:00 Programa de FelicitaciÛn en Quechua

TARDES

17:00 a 18:00 Programa de FelicitaciÛn y M'sica Cumbia en Castel

18:00 a 18:30 La hora de las Provincias (Entrevistas, Reportajes)

18:30 a 19:00 Programa Mujer

19:00 a 19:30 Informativo

19:30 a 20:00 Comentarios, Radiogramas, M'sica, Agropecuaria

Actualmente despuÈs de la OtorgaciÛn de la "Licencia de Funcionamiento", en fecha 29 de septiembre estamos trabajando en la frecuencia de 4.795 KHz (r4.796,6 Ed.), banda de 60 metros. La radio tiene su consejo de AdministraciÛn: Froil·n Condori PRESIDENTE, German Carme y Flaviana Porco Titulares; RenÈ Mamani y Francisco Quisbert Suplentes, quienes ejecutan las determinaciones del comitÈ Ejecutivo de la FederaciÛn de Campesinos "FRUTCAS", y el consejo tiene una duraciÛn de un aÙo calendario y su cambio esta previsto en el mes de abril del 2000.

Uyuni es caracterizada por el intenso frio casi todo el aÙo, centro Ferroviario y ahora centro de gran promociÛn TurÌstica, por su majestoso Gran Salar de Uyuni (10.200 kilometros cuadrados de desierto de sal y hay un hotel enteramente de sal inclusive sus muebles), Lagunas verde, Colorada, Azul, Hedionda, los Gueiser y muchos otros. El Turista lo vive de pasiÛn y se llevan gran recuerdo de Bolivia.

RADIO EMISORA MALLKU CASILLA N°16 TELEF. 0693-2145 UYUNI - Depto.

POTOSI - BOLIVIA (via Rogildo Fontenelle Aragao, Cochabamba - Bolivia
Membro do DX CLUBE DO BRASIL via radio-escutas Mar 13 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. R. Bulgaria A-00 in English:

0200-0300 9400 P500/306, 11700 P500/306 to NoAm

1100-1200 15700 P500/306, 17500 P250/292 to WeEu

1900-2000 9400 P500/306, 11700 P500/306 to WeEu

2100-2200 9400 P500/306, 11700 P500/306 to WeEu

2300-2400 9400 P500/306, 11700 P500/306 to NoAm

(Observer, Bulgaria, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX never ceases to amaze me with its powerful signal. Heard at 1004, with sports report, then ID at 1005 as "Toronto's news station, 1010 CFRB". Good to very good, especially using USB to avoid a cochannel on 6069.5 (Walt Salmani, Grayland WA,

11 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 6069.5 being Papua? Het also a problem here (gh, OK)

** CONGO DR [non]. Rebel leader Bemba's radio reportedly no longer on shortwave; Text of report by Abdurazak Mukenge:

"Because of the presence of rebels at the National Consultations, Rwanda disarms suspicious elements of the Congolese Rally for Democracy, Uganda silences Radio-Liberte," published by Congolese newspaper 'Le Palmares' on 7th March; subheading as published

Radio Liberte no longer broadcasting on shortwave

In relation to the rebel delegation's participation in the Kinshasa national consultations, Radio Liberte, which belongs to Jean-Pierre Bemba's movement, has stopped transmitting on shortwave. It was reported that this propaganda instrument was banned by the Ugandan minister in charge of information. But it was mainly because the United Nations did not give a favourable answer to the request formulated by the MLC to be given a wavelength. It was Adele Lutsove, the general secretary in charge of information within the MLC, who filed the request. On the issue of sharing the airwaves for broadcasting on shortwave, the United Nations grants permission only for requests filed by officially recognized governments. As can be seen, things are not going very well between the allied Congolese rebellion and their masters on the concept of peace and the process to achieve it. The "lost sons" are ready to come back within the government's fold but have their hands tied. Utterances by Mrs Oda Nyangi and Mrs Adele Lutsove on the Voice of America last Friday, 3rd March, are very revealing. They strongly criticized the behaviour of the two branches of the RCD "which are using dictatorial methods to manage the city under their control". Source: 'Le Palmares', Kinshasa, in French 7 Mar 00

(BBC Monitoring March 14, excerpted by gh; this refers to the station on 15725-USB, evidently originating in Uganda, and which several have reported hearing *since* March 7! - DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECH REPUBLIC. R. Prague programmes:

Mon Spotlight, magazine

Tue Talking Point, a look at issues

Wed Ten Years After, demise of Iron Curtain

Thu Economic Report, business news

Fri Living Czech, Czech language [lessons?]

 Mailbox, listeners' letters

Sat The Arts, cultural scene

 Saturday Music

Sun From the Weeklies, from the periodicals

Letter from Prague, from a personal view
Czech Literature
(via Nick Sharpe, March World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. HCJB A-00 in English:

0000	0400	9745	100	351	N. Amer. (E)
0000	1530	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pac.
0000	0700	15115	50	330	N. America
0400	0700	9745	100	325	N Amer. (W)
0700	0900	15150	250	34	Europe
0700	1100	11755	100	228	S. Pacific
1100	1630	12005	50	43	Caribbean
1100	1630	15115	100	160/353	N/S America
1900	2200	17660	100	41	Europe

(HCJB via Wolfgang Bueschel; gh excerpted English for DX LISTENING DIGEST; note that 15115 will clash with New Zealand after 1100, planned to be used until 1206)

** GREECE. Answering my query about whether VOG ever plays non-Greek music:

I have just been checking the English broadcast [1900-1925 on 7475, 9375], local news items with, to me, very annoying string version of Eleanor Rigby between items; the musical bridge is hardly Greek! (Mike Barraclough, March World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. R. Budapest A-00 in English, from March 26:

1900-1930 Eu 6025 9750 kHz
2100-2130 Eu 6025 kHz
2130-2200 Eu 3975 kHz
0100-0130 NAm 9560 kHz
0230-0300 NAm 9835 kHz

(R. Budapest via Hans-Joachim Koch; gh excerpted English only; no sign of planned Spanish; DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non?] CLANDESTINE 5101.30 (tent) Voice of Jammu Kashmir Freedom. Sign on at 1300 with ?vocal national anthem, talk, and in Qur'an readings at 1302. Lots of static crashes making reception difficult. At 1401:30 appeared to go into English until 1406, when there was more music (Salmaniw, 11 March). The following day, reception was much better. Nice clear signal heard at tune-in at 1337. Retuned at 1400, but English was not heard until 1415. Snippets of English heard then "President of the national parliament", "relations between the two countries". Mentions of Kashmir. Fading by 1421. Still in English at 1424, but by 1429 not in English anymore. Possible national anthem at 1430 and sign off (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 12 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15355, R. Sultanate of Oman March 11 0245-0405+: English at 0300-0400; tune-in at 0245 with ME music. Big Ben chimes at 0300, followed by English religious talk and introduction to Koran. Koran recitations in Arabic, and English translations with commentary of the verses recited. Time pips at 0315, ID and 10 minutes o English news by woman to 0325. Promos for upcoming FM programs followed by ``Good Morning, Oman`` English program with local pops, US pops, list of local events and a lot of chatter by all female studio staff. Back to Arabic programming after 0400. Very good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15355, Radio Sultanate of Oman with pop music, and talk by a woman in English at 0342. Good reception. (Salmaniw, 11 March). 15140 heard in English at 1451, interviewing Julie, club manager at Club Olympus. British accented. Good reception. (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 11 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 4890. One of the great pleasures of DXing on the Pacific coast is the fun of listening to these distant regional stations at armchair level! Superb reception in English at 0912 with "City Hall" program, describing the emergencies hospitals face, stabbings, shootings, etc. Then on to "Greening and Cleaning", with Port Moresby's garbage collection schedule. All in all, a very enlightening program offering a glimpse of local life in PNG. (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 11 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15435: A very interesting situation here at 1659 + Tuned in at that time to hear two Arabic stations. The dominant one is Voice of Africa in Libya, while the other is Saudi Arabia with Big Ben-like gongs at 1700 and every 15 minutes. They both went into the Holy Qur'an... fascinating to listen as they battle it out. Saudi Arabia occasionally almost equaled the Libyan. There was no English until 1726, when I could definitely hear snippets of English from the Saudi. "Delegation, institution, proclaim..." Back into Arabic at 1730. So I can confirm some English from Saudi Arabia, and unlike the past, this is not due to a studio error. English again might have been heard at 1738. Maybe a bilingual program? (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 12 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.14: SIBC with very good reception, parallel to mediumwave 1035. At 0941, long long spot about goods available at Golden Star Trading Corporation in Honiara... toilet freshener, Sunlight soap, orange and coconut juice, price only \$8.20. You look by yourself and you buy them. All sizes. Buy twenty five, you get one free." At 0956, song from our sisters of church of Mulawesa (?sp). At 1000, into English with the news from the SIBC. Population of Guadalcanal wants to stop or limit the internal migration to their island. Mentions of Commonwealth Day, with the theme being,

communications challenges. There is a serious lack of parking facilities in Honiara city. Tree planting areas are being used for car parks instead. "You are listening to the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation in Honiara", at 1004. No mentions of the Happy Isles during the 30 minutes or so monitored. Superb reception, versus the previous evening when nothing was heard (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 12 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note frequency almost 1 kHz low; has this been the case before? If not, might be sign that the expected new transmitter is in use (gh, DXLD)

** TURKEY. TRT, Operational Schedule A-00, 26 March to 29 October 2000, daily, ``DSB`` u.o.s.:

Freq. (kHz)	Band (m)	From UTC	To UTC	CIRAF ZONES	Site	Power kW
6155	49	0300	0400	38E,39,40W	EMR	500
7190	41	2200	2300	17,18,27,28W,37N	EMR	500
9525	31	2030	2130	30S,39-41,49S,54,55,58-60	EMR	500
9785	31	1830	1930	18,27,28	EMR	500
11655	25	0300	0400	2-7,10,18,27,28W	EMR	500 [NAm]
11765	25	1830	1930	18S,27,28W,37N	EMR	500 USB
13640	22	2200	2300	5S,8E,9,11N,27,28W	EMR	500 [NAm]
17830	16	1230	1330	18,27,28W	EMR	500
21540	13	1230	1330	30S,40,41,49,54,55,58-60	EMR	500
21715	13	0300	0400	40E,41,49,54W,58N	EMR	500

And the new Spanish service, if it actually happens, supposedly also effective March 26:

15150 19 1630 1700 27S,28,37 EMR 500
 (TRT via Wolfgang Bueschel, excerpted by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V of Turkey in SPANISH ! First noted March 2: 1730-1755 11670 (54554) over SLBC in Sinhala (Observer, Bulgaria via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. 9870; Finally, a useful signal from Radio Ukraine International in English at 0400. Excellent reception, with parallels being 11825 (fair), 9610 (poor to fair), 9600 (fair except for het), and 6020 (poor). 9870 has to be 1000 kW if located in Ukraine. I don't think this is a relay, as they used to do long ago with their far eastern relays to the west coast. One can hear a mild polar flutter on their frequencies. This frequency should continue to propagate well as long as the MUF is high enough, and they don't change their schedule at the end of the month! (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA, 11 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I would like to have included the signal on 26.470 MHz, from radio station WJFP in Fort Pierce FL, in this list [of 25 Plus activity] but it's not been heard on air since January (Alan Roberts, March CIDX Messenger, probably as of mid-February, via DXLD) Indeed absent from 26470 (and 25910) when WFLA 25870 was booming in at 2246 check March 14 (gh, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 4960: Superb reception, at 0936 too of Radio Vanuatu, in Bislama with religious sermon. "Help most northern part of Vanuatu. Help most southern part of Vanuatu. Help most eastern part of Vanuatu. Help most western part of Vanuatu. Invite Holy Spirit, you come. Bless the nation. Direct this nation... Alleluia..." Carrier on, but no programming when rechecked after 1000 (Walt Salmani, Grayland WA, 12 March, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. Polisario radio on shortwave

National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (Arabic: al-idha'at al-wataniyah li al-jumhuriyah al-arabiyyah al-sahrawiyah al-dimuqratiyah) is currently being heard by BBC Monitoring on a new shortwave frequency, 7470 kHz. The shortwave frequency is heard in parallel with the radio's current mediumwave channel of 1540 kHz. The radio broadcasts daily from 0700-0800 and 1800-2300 gmt in Arabic and from 2300-2359 gmt in Spanish. News bulletins have been confirmed at 1900, 2000 and 2200 gmt in Arabic and at 2305 gmt in Spanish. National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic supports the Polisario Front, hostile to Moroccan policy on Western Sahara. The radio has been observed regularly since 1979 on mediumwave. A shortwave frequency has only been heard irregularly in the past. According to the radio's web site, it broadcasts from Bir Lehlou in a Polisario-controlled part of Western Sahara, about 200 km south west of Tindouf, Algeria - although this has not been confirmed. Source: Monitoring research 12-14 Mar 00 ((c) BBC Monitoring March 14, via DX LISTENING DIGEST) How about some DF, BBCM? (gh) ####